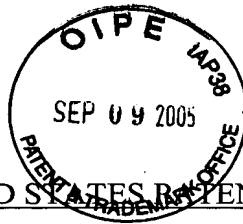


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated June 9, 2005, please consider the remarks below and amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.